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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*. See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Art Rejections:

1. The text of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) cited in the previous office action is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Connelly, U.S. pat. Appl. Pub. no. 2002/0194585.

Per claims 1-4 and 9-10, Connelly discloses a system and method to facilitate capture of broadcast data comprising:

- a) a communication medium to facilitate data communications between servers and users (see page 5, par. 44-45),
- b) metadata encapsulated within a packet/object that describes a location of the broadcast of target data so as to enable monitoring and recording of the target data during broadcast (see page 5, par. 50-51).

Connelly does not explicitly show a specific transportable object, e.g., data packet, for delivering metadata broadcast schedule to the user. An official notice is taken that the use of a conventional transportable object, e.g., data packet, for transmitting metadata over a communication medium is well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to utilize a conventional

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transportable object in Connelly because it would have enabled delivering metadata broadcast schedule to the user over a communication medium.

Per claim 5, Connelly teaches using a broadcaster to broadcast metadata data to users (see page 2, par. 29).

Per claims 6-8, Connelly also teaches collecting/aggregating metadata broadcast information based upon content sources and user's feedbacks (see page 4, par. 40-41 and page 8, par. 75).

Per claims 11-18, Connelly teaches using identification system for stamping/labeling data received from a content source (see page 13, par. 117). It would have been further obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize more than more content source in practicing Connelly's invention, i.e., collecting data content from multiple sources (see page 13, par. 118).

Claims 19-27 are similar in scope as that of claims 1-18.

Response to Amendment:

3. Applicant's arguments filed on 8/31/05 are moot in view of new ground of rejection set forth above.

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Conclusion:

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. §706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee, can be reached on 571-272-3964.

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